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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 5259-03700USC2  
First Inventor Jim Freid  
Title See 1 in Addendum  
Express Mail Label No. EV314259986US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 45]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 11]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1499 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/015,206

Prior application information:

Examiner P. Philogene

Art Unit: 3732

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only; The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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## Addendum

1. SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STABLIZAING THE HUMAN SPINE WITH A BONE PLATE

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 750.00

## Complete if Known

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First Named Inventor Jim Freid  
Examiner Name  
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Attorney Docket No. 5259-03700USC2

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		1001	770	Utility filing fee	750.00
		1002	340	Design filing fee	
		1003	530	Plant filing fee	
		1004	770	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					750.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims 20 -20\*\* = 0 X Fee from below = 0  
Independent Claims 3 -3\*\* = 0 X Fee from below = 0  
Multiple Dependent

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	86	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	86	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)					0.00

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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		1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
		1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
		1402	330	2402 165 Filing brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
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		1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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**PATENTS**

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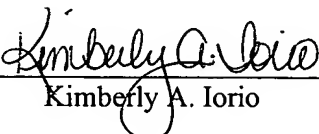
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3. Preliminary Amendment (7 Pages)
4. Copy of USSN 10/015,206 Declaration (3 Pages)
5. Drawings, Figures 1-23C (11 Sheets)
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